REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Taniwaki US patent 3,944,309. Claims 8-16 were indicated as being allowed.

By this response, claims 1-7 are canceled, as are previously withdrawn claims 17-24. Allowed claims 8-16 remain in this application.

Applicant's attorney has made every effort to place the application in condition for allowance with claims 8-16, and such action is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by phone if questions remain after consideration of this response, or if such would otherwise facilitate prosecution.

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